THE MINISTER: OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANS-PORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A number of foreign shipping cbnipanies are operating in India's overseas trade from/to various Indian ports. Some of the important foreign shipping companies are American President Lines (USA). Anchor Line (U.K.), Lloyd Trisino (Italy), Nedl-lyod Lingnen (Netherland), Polish Ocean Lints (Poland), Jugolinini Raj-eka (Yugoslavia), Blask Sea Shipping Co. (USSR). Overseas Containers (U.K.). Pakistan Shipping Corporation (Pakistan). Bangladesh Shipping Corpora-"tion (Bangladesh) etc

Shipping Chartered by ShippfaiK Corporation of India

12.38. SHRI BIR BHANDRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ships chartered by the Shipping Corporation of India Limited, Bombay, during the iast three years and the total amount of chartering charges paid to each owner along with the names of brokers both domestic and foreign;

(b) what efforts are being made to develop coastal trade with small-six container vessels;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian trade for export business is greately Suffering due to want of proper con-tainre vessels for plying between coast to coast: and

(d) if so. what are the details thereof and further action proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANS-PORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Information is being collected r.nd will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Shipping Corporation of India Limited has already developed regular feeder services along the Indian coast. The feeder services are at present be-ing operated partly by cellular container ships taken on time charter and partly by SCl's combi ships. No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Saudi aid for Nava Sheva Port

1239. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANS PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Economic Times, Delhi of the 25th April, 1986 under the caption "Saudis to cofinance Nava Sheva";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the details of aid that is likeiy to be available for the deve]oprr,ient of the Part?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANS-PORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, An Indian Delegation recently visited Riyadh and held detailed di'^cussion with the Saudi Fund Authorities for co-financing Nhava Sheva Port Project. The Saudi Fund representatives aer schedule to vis't India shortly for concluding the loan agreement.

(c) The draft loan agreement to be entered into with Saudi Fund Authorities envisages a loan of 141 million Sadui Riyals (equivalent to 39.63 million us dollars) likely to be given by Saudi Fund Authorities to Government of India for co-financing -'FiUing Works" com-ponent of this project. The term of the loan is 20 years, including a five year grace period.

Demurrage charged at port for delayed clearance of cargo

1240. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: WiU the Minister of TRANS PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ships are charged demurrage for dela.yed clearance of their cargo and if so, what are the rules governing demurrage at major Indian ports; - . .